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**MEMORANDUM**

**MEMO #0164**

TO: All DIDD Dental Providers and ISCs  
FROM: James M. Henry, Commissioner *JM Henry*  
DATE: December 1, 2011  
SUBJECT: Dental Rates

The Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (DIDD) has been notified by TennCare of additional rate reductions for dental services effective January 1, 2012. Since DIDD's dental rates are tied to those of TennCare, those reductions will be reflected in our rates also.

Detail from the notification explains:

*"TennCare was hoping to postpone additional 4.25 percent rate reductions for certain providers (including dentists), if the state received federally-owed funds (Special Disability Workload or SDW) before January 1, 2012. Recently, the U.S. Department of Human Services announced that they believe absent federal legislation, they are unable to resolve the outstanding liability. Therefore, implementation of additional provider rate reductions effective January 1, 2012, are necessary to stay within TennCare's current budget."*

Attached is a listing of the DIDD services and rate adjustments by procedure code. These changes are effective with services provided on or after January 1, 2012.

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Attachment